

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Portland Cement

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This special provision was originally developed by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research (BMPR) to disallow the portion of the revised ASTM C 150 specification which permits the addition of limestone to portland cement.

This special provision has been revised to allow limestone that is interground with cement. Testing performed by BMPR and District 1 determined that quality will not be sacrificed in our concrete mixtures by the addition of limestone.

It should be inserted into all contracts requiring the use of portland cement.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the November 18, 2005 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory August 5, 2005.

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PORTLAND CEMENT (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2005

Revised: November 1, 2005

Add the following paragraph after the last paragraph of Article 1001.01 of the Standard Specifications.

“For portland cement according to ASTM C 150, the bill of lading shall state if limestone has been added. The bill of lading shall also state that the limestone addition is not in excess of five percent by mass (weight) of the cement.”

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